

Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 2016 Legislative Session

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ENERGY/MINERAL BILLS

	Concurrent Resolution on Bonneville Salt Flats Racing Tracks	Rep. Handy	Proposed resolution to ask BLM to act on protections for this recreation management area, after cancellation of 1-2 years of salt flat racing. Racing community supports mining, but also expresses concerns on impact of potash mining and timing of reclamation.	11/18: NRAE Interim discussed topic w/o a vote.
	Concurrent Resolution on Carbon Dioxide Gas	Sen. Jenkins		Bill file opened
HCR 1	Concurrent Resolution on Waters of the United States	Rep. Noel	Expresses disapproval of the expansion of the term “waters of the United States” and expresses support for AG Reyes in seeking to vacate this expansive rule.	12/22: Bill numbered/public
HB 140	Public Utilities & Technology Committee Name Change	Rep. Handy	Adds “Energy” to the Committee title, so new name will be the Public Utilities, Energy & Technology Interim committee.	1/13: Bill numbered/public
	Resource Management Planning	Rep. Stratton	Bill is expected to extend the 7/1/2016 deadline for all 29 counties to prepare Resource Management Plans.	Bill file opened
SB 17	Revenue and Taxation Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Clarifies the oil and gas severance tax formula re deductions after 1/2015 Supreme Court decision and subsequent Tax Comm. actions. UPA agreed with DOGM amendment on 11/2. Further amendments in process on 11/18 Interim Day, and bill not heard that day.	10/21: Rev. & Tax Interim Comm. passed. 12/16: Bill numbered/public 1/8: Pending Substitute.

ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

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SB 48	Board Membership Restrictions	Sen. Escamilla	Governor may not appoint an individual to a state board if the individual held the position of executive director of a department within the previous year.	12/21: Bill numbered/public

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	Computer Abuse and Data Recovery Act	Rep Chavez-Houck		Bill file opened
	Driver Training Revisions	Rep. Spendlove		Bill file opened
HB 63	Fees for Government Records Requests	Rep. Brian King	GRAMA: provides for de novo review of an appeal of a fee waiver request.	12/21: Bill numbered/public
	General Transparency Amendments	Sen. D. Henderson		Bill file opened
HB 81	Government Employees Insurance Offerings Amends	Rep. Kennedy	High Deductible Insurance Plans - provides that an employee who is not eligible for a contribution to a health savings account and is eligible for a contribution for a high deductible plan may receive that contribution in a health reimbursement account or other qualified account the employee is otherwise eligible for.	12/22: Bill numbered/public
	Governmental Immunity Act Amends	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened
SB 37	HR Management Rate Committee	Sen. Weiler	Changes the HR Rate Committee to a majority of customers, with 6 agencies vs. the prior 3. DNR supports customer rate committees.	11/18: Retirement Interim Comm. passed this bill. 12/16: Bill numbered/public
	Joint Rules Resolution on Appropriations	Rep. Briscoe		Bill file opened
	Legal Notice Amends	Rep. Chew		Bill file opened
	Lobbying by State Agencies Amendments	Rep. Roberts		Bill file opened

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	Money Management Act Amendments	Rep. Hutchings		Bill file opened
HB 5	Natural Resources, Agric., and Environmental Quality Base Budget	Rep Mike McKell	Appropriates funds for state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.	1/20: Bill numbered/public
	Notaries Public Amends	Rep. Hutchings		Bill file opened
SB 19	Phased Retirement	Sen. Weiler	Allows employee to retire in place under an agreement to work half-time and receive half the normal retirement allowance. No added service credit earned. No fiscal impact to the URS employers.	11/18: Retirement Interim Comm. passed this bill. 12/16: Bill numbered/public
SB 36	Post-Retirement Employment Exceptions	Sen. Mayne	Allows certain retirees to be rehired after a certain period if the retiree does not receive employer retirement benefits, is reemployed by a different agency; and the employer pays the contribution rate in certain circumstances.	12/16: Bill numbered/public
	Post-Employment Lobbying Restrictions	Sen. Dabakis		Bill file opened
HB 86	Postretirement Employment Restrictions	Rep. Cunningham	Provides for only a 60-day separation requirement for <u>all</u> employee groups (state, school, public safety) to restart employment.	11/18: Retirement Interim failed to pass this bill. 12/22: Bill numbered/public
HB 50	Postretirement Reemployment Amendments	Rep. Cunningham	Amends earnings limitation from \$15K to \$20K during first year of postretirement.	11/18: Retirement Interim Comm. passed this bill. 12/16: Bill numbered/public
HB 117	Modifications to Postretirement Reemployment	Rep Cunningham	Allows certain retirees to be rehired after a certain period if the retiree does not receive employer retirement benefits, is reemployed by a different agency; and the employer pays the contribution rate in certain circumstances.	1/15: Bill numbered/public

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	Paid Family Leave	Rep Romero		Bill file opened
	Procurement Code Modifications	Sen. Jenkins		Bill file opened
	Rainy Day Fund for Federal Fund Imbalances	Sen. Harper		Bill file opened
SB 52	Rate Committee Modifications	Sen. Hinkins	Changes Dept. of Admin Services Rate Committee to a majority of customers, with 7 agencies vs. the prior 3.	12/21: Bill numbered/public
HB 51	Recodification of Post-Retirement Reemployment	Rep. Powell	Reorganizes chapter into 8 sections, to become more readable. No substantive changes per drafter.	11/18: Retirement Interim Comm. passed this bill. 12/16: Bill numbered/public
HB 35	Retirement and Insurance Benefit Claims Amends	Rep. Powell	Modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending provisions relating to limitations of retirement systems claims and actions. Sets time limits for a person to request a review of a claim for benefits, rights, obligations or employment rights.	12/16: Bill numbered/public
	Retirement Forfeiture Amendments	Sen. Weiler		Bill file opened
SB 29	Retirement Systems Amends	Sen. Weiler	Annual administrative and technical amendments bill. No substantive benefit changes, per URS.	11/18: Retirement Interim Comm. passed this bill. 12/16: Bill numbered/public
HB 96	Single Sign-On Business Database	Rep. Cutler	Directs DTS to develop a business database and single sign-on web portal, wherein allows a person doing business in the state to access all relevant state-collected business data about the person, including info on business registration, workers' compensation, tax liability, and occupational health and safety inspections. Not DEQ/DNR yet.	12/22: Bill numbered/public

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	Spousal Elective Share Amendments	Sen. Weiler		Bill file opened
	State Employee Whistleblower Amends	Rep. Snow		Bill file opened
	State & Local Government Fines Amends	Sen. Stephenson		Bill file opened
	Unmanned Aircraft Amendments	Sen. Harper	Sets limits for use of drones including operating > 500' high, at event > 500 people without permission, airport, emergency situation, and voyeurism. Includes provisions for use by law enforcement and wildland fire. Does not specify other government uses not allowed.	11/18: Gov. Oper. Interim heard bill, but no vote
	Unmanned Aircraft Use Amendments	Rep. Lifferth		Bill file opened

Monitor:

Rep. Noel – Utah Public Land Policy Management (Discussed at Comm. for Stewardship of Public Land)

Rep. Gibson – Independent Energy Producer Amends (normally a public utility matter)

Sen. Millner – SITLA Amendments

HB 8: State Agency Fees and ISF Rates